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CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALCOUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Nineteen swept-back wing jet aircraft with nose wheel and noticeably high rudder assembly were parked on the northern edge of the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) airfield on 25 March 1950. The tight dark gray camouflage coverings were removed from eight planes about 9 a.m. The planes were painted silvery.

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Twelve low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine, landing gear retracting inward, Pitot tube at left wing and rounded wing tips were parked behind the hangar on the northern edge of the field.

3. Among the swept-back wing jet fighters was one with conventional wings and conventional rudder assembly. The air intake aperture in the nose was painted red.

4. There was no flying with the jet aircraft between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and only little flying with the conventional fighters. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen at the entrance gate of the airfield and the following trucks were noticed near the air force garages on Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse :

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5. The attached photograph of a jet plane was taken between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 31 March 1950 from a point south of the field. The plane made individual flights of about half-

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hour duration. There was a visibility range of 3 to 10 km and a 6/10 base of cloud at an altitude of 2,000 meters. The entire length of the NS runway was needed for the take-off. The landing gear and nose wheel were retracted after a flight line of 2 to 3 km. The aircraft revetments were in the northern section of the field.

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Comment :

The report confirms the occupation of the airfield by jet aircraft of type 14 and one plane of type 16 (see attached photograph) and Yak-3 or Yak-9 fighters. No jet planes have apparently been transferred to Granienburg in recent weeks. Not more than 20 jet planes were seen at the airfield at the same time. It is assumed that the fighter regiment stationed at the field has not been entirely reequipped with jet aircraft.

1 Annex : 1 Photograph. forwarded to Air .

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